Loss of Foodgrains due to inadequate Storage facilities

1096. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of foodgrains lost during the current year due to adequate storage facility; and

(b) the details of the steps being taken to prevent such losses in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN): (a) The FCI incurs losses of foodgrains during storage and transportation. The storage and transit losses for 1990-91 will be known after close of the financial year. The storage and transit losses in foodgrains during the last year 1989-90 was as follows:—

Quantity in lakh MT.		Value in Rs. Crores
Total storage & transit losses		% age of loss on Purchase+ Sale in terms of Quantity
Quantity	Value	
2.96	87.94	0.85

(b) The steps taken by the FCI to reduce the storage and transit losses are:

(i) Strict enforcement of quality specifications relating to moisture during procurement of foodgrains;

(ii) Reduction in the quantum of foodgrains filled in each bag,

(iii) Installation of weigh-bdidges in depots having capacity of 5000 tonnes or more;

(iv) Minimising the use of open wagons;

(v) Administrative measures such as tightening of security at depots, intensifying surprise checks, ensuring regular stock verifications etc;

(vi) Augmentation of covered storage capacity;

(vii) Introduction of machine stitching of bags.

Jobs under Jawahar Rozgar Yojna in Bihar

1097. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons provided with jobs under Jawahar Rozgar Yojna in Bihar during the year 1989 and so far in 1990; and

(b) what is the target fixed for the next year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH): (a) The performance under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) is monitored in terms of mandays of employment generated during a financial year. Employment generated under the Yojana in Bihar during the financial year 1989-90 and 1990-91 (upto November, 1990), as per the reports received from the State Government, is 907.31 lakh mandays and 437.41 lakh mandays respectively.

(b) The targets of employment generation for the next financial year have not been fixxd as the Plan allocation for the year 1991-92 under the Yojana has not yet been finalised.